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SUBJ: APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

REF: DUNLOP-VIETS DECEMBER 4 LETTER

1. IN OUR JUDGMENT SUBJECT RAISED IN REF LETTER IS MATTER BEST HANDLED BY DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN AMERICAN NAZARENES AND GOR. WE RECOMMEND THAT PRIOR ANY AGREEMENT TO "REGULARIZE" STATUS OF NAZARENE CHURCH IN ROMANIA, A DELEGATION OF CHURCH MEMBERS VISIT BUCHAREST TO DETERMINE FOR THEMSELVES PRECISE NATURE OF ASSURANCES NEEDED TO GUARAN-TEE FUTURE RELIGIOUS STATUS THEIR ROMANIAN BRETHEREN. INCLUDED IN GROUP SHOULD BE A GOOD LAWYER. EMBASSY READY TO FACILITATE APPOINTMENTS WITH COMPETENT GOR AUTHORITIES AND TO ASSIST IN ANY OTHER WAY WHICH APPEARS APPROPRIATE TO CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS COULD INCLUDE EMBASSY OFFICER ACCOMPANYING DELEGATION ON CALL IF WE DETERMINED WE COULD BE OF GENUINE ASSISTANCE, BUT WE PREFER TO DEFER JUDGMENT ON THIS ASPECT UNTIL SITUATION ARISES. PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED STATUS OF GROUP'S PLANS. **BARNES**

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